

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to recite the required cross-referencing under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Claims 2, 3, 15-21, 29-31, 35 and 36 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4-14, 22-28 and 32-34 have been amended. Claims 37-45 are new. Therefore, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 4-14, 22-28, 32-34 and 37-45 are pending.

The amended claims are directed to the embodiment of original claim 2, now canceled. Support for new claims 37-40 is found at page 13, lines 1-14 of the originally filed specification. Support for new claims 41-42 is provided by original claims 22-23. Support for new claims 43-45 is provided by the specification at the following: page 13, line 27, to page 14, line 3; page 18, lines 5-9; and page 18, line 28.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by any of the claim amendments.

**CONCLUSION**

Claims 1, 4-14, 22-28, 32-34 and 37-45 are in condition for consideration and allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. Any fees due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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